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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: George H. HOFFMAN et al.  
Title: SYSTEM METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR A DISTRIBUTOR  
INTERFACE IN A SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 6, 8 and 10), drawn to a system for allocating responsibilities in a supply chain for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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